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GOVERNOR NAMES A CLEAN UP DAY

May 15 Designated as Public Health and Clean-up Day

CONCERTED ACTIVITY ASKED

Village Boards, Schools and Churches Should Co-Operate in Promoting Sanitary Measures.

The most important asset subject to the principles of conservation is good health. The largest financial burden to the people of Michigan is that produced by disease. The diseases causing this output of money are preventable diseases. The most important principle of prevention of disease is sanitation. A proper degree of sanitation and hygiene consistently maintained will save thousands of lives and millions of dollars in this state each year.

There are in Michigan each month over 200 deaths from tuberculosis. This disease costs us \$20,000,000 a year. Add to this the cost of typhoid fever, diphtheria, smallpox, cholera infantum, and the long list of preventable diseases and the amount becomes appalling. This matter is practically within the power of public control.

To the end that concerted activity, covering the entire state, may be established, his excellency, Chase S. Osborn, Governor of the state of Michigan, has designated May 15, 1912, as Public Health and Clean Up day in Michigan.

In accordance with the spirit of his proclamation, the State Board of Health asks that it be made a day of general cleaning up of insanitary surroundings, and the establishment of sanitary, healthful conditions. This will bring about an unmeasured good if entered into in the spirit which the movement deserves.

We ask that mayors of cities and presidents of villages, through the co-operation of the local boards of health, extend the proclamation into every jurisdiction. It should be a day of special public health teaching in every school in the state. From every pulpit a sermon on good health might profitably be extended on the Sunday preceding. The newspapers might well anticipate the day by special editorials pertaining to the subject.

If all concerned will participate in the work, it will mean an arrest of summer diseases which will be of untold value.

BIG MINSTREL SHOW PLANNED

High School announces great event of year May 24 and 25

The dates for the Big Combination Minstrel Show have been definitely decided upon and the anxious public will now settle down to wait for the great event in the history of Van Buren county, an event which will be a landmark in the history of progress and in comparison with which all others will be passed over as mere incidents.

There will be those who will be unfortunate enough to neglect to make reservations early and who will on this account be deprived of the exquisite enjoyment of witnessing the main performance. We always feel sorry for this class and so to them we offer this balm, viz. to-wit: They will have the opportunity to witness free of charge one of the grandest pageants in the history of spectacular achievements. Be it known that the Grand Minstrel parade will appear on the streets of Paw Paw at 12 m. on each of the two days selected, May 24 and 25.

Merchants will unite with the entire community to make these two days festive holidays and every up-to-date merchant will avail himself of the free opportunity for advertising by placing a beautiful float in the parade.

Every possible phase and some impossible phases of life will be presented. Besides, one of the grandest displays of wild and domesticated animals will be turned loose on your streets. The funniest clowns will vie with "Little Eva" and the great dragon for your attention and approval. The Paw Paw high school band, just returned from its successful tour, in full minstrel uniform, will head the parade and other bands will be conveniently dispersed along the line of march to furnish music for the crowds.

The main show will take place in the opera house at 8:30. Free open air exhibition at 7:30. Particulars later, May 24 and 25.

Big bargains at all stores Saturday.

COTERIE ANNOUNCES A NOTED LECTURER

Prof. Koch to Give Illustrated Lecture on Alaska at Opera House. No Admission Fee.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. Theodore Koch of the faculty of the University of Michigan will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Alaska" in the opera house. Mr. Koch has traveled widely and is well known as a pleasing and interesting speaker. The slides which will be exhibited in connection with the lecture are understood to be especially attractive.

No admission will be charged to the lecture which will be open to everyone. This address is one of the University Extension Lectures which the state university is providing that the benefits and advantages of the university may be more widely extended to all of the people in the state. The Coterie is bringing the lecturer here and is in charge of the local arrangements.

The address is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. Mrs. S. M. Towers, president of the Coterie, will preside. Children may attend if accompanied by adults.

MUSKEGON SUPT. HEADS FACULTY

A. H. Robertson Signs for Coming Year. Strong Educator and Musician.

The anxiety over who we shall have for our next Superintendent of schools is at an end, as the school board have engaged the services of a man from Muskegon, Mich., who, it is thought will meet all the requirements of the position.

A. H. Robertson comes to us next year, well recommended as an educator. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and competed for and won an honorary scholarship in the University of Chicago, from which place he received the degree of Master of Philosophy.

Mr. Robertson has been an instructor in the Muskegon Manual Training school for two years, in history and public speaking. He is interested in music and now conducts the high school band, which is good news for the boys in Paw Paw, who will now be assured of encouragement along the line of work in the musical department of the school.

Paw Paw universally regrets the departure of Supt. McCormick, as he has made many friends, not only in the school but won the appreciation of the parents and friends of the students. The interest he has manifested and the hard work that he has done in the school here will not soon be forgotten. It is most satisfactory to know that in leaving a place, you have separated from true friends. Mr. McCormick has made a lasting impression on the school, the town and the people. Let us when the time comes give a fond farewell to the old friend and a rousing reception to the new.

Mr. Robertson was in Paw Paw the first of the week and made a very favorable impression on all whom he met.

MAPLE CITY CLUB ENJOYED A FEAST

The pot luck supper at the Maple City club last Thursday evening marked the close of the social festivities of the season with this popular club. It was one of the most enjoyable functions of the year. A bountiful supper at 6:00 o'clock was enjoyed by club members and their families, after which cards and dancing occupied the attention of the merry party until a late hour. Downing's orchestra furnished the music which was classy and right up to the minute. This orchestra has made wonderful progress during the past year, and will now compare very favorably with any orchestra in Southern Michigan.

IMPROVED BY TREATMENT.
Mrs. C. M. Whitney, who has been taking treatment in the celebrated Lura Kress sanitarium at Holland, Mich., has returned home. Her Paw Paw friends are pleased to learn that she returns much improved in health.

RETURNED TO SISTER.
Miss Maple Clementine was called to Chicago recently on account of the illness of a sister, returned to Paw Paw last week. Her sister is still in a critical condition, and Miss Maple has again returned to the city to be with her.

ALL ROADS WILL LEAD TO PAW PAW SATURDAY

Business Men's Association Arrange Program for the Entertainment of County Seat Visitors This Week, Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF THIRTY PIECES WILL FURNISH MUSIC FOR THE BIG DAY

Street Sports With Cash Prizes. Championship Ball Game. Free Show at Idle Hour. Big Bargains at all the Stores. Merchants to Pay 20 Cents Per Dozen for Eggs.

Tomorrow, Saturday, April 27 will be Gala day in Paw Paw. The business men's association has planned a day of entertainment for the benefit of the citizens of the village and the surrounding country. Nothing has been spared in the preliminary arrangements to make it a day long to be remembered, both from the standpoint of entertainment and business.

The Paw Paw high school band, that splendid musical organization of 30 pieces under the direction of Supt. P. F. McCormick, will furnish music. A program of sports and street races has been arranged with liberal prizes for the successful contestants. The Idle Hour Theater will give a free show between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 1:00 p. m. At 3:00 p. m. there will be a ball game at Athletic Park between Lawton and Paw Paw high school teams. This will be the first championship game of the season, and the fans will be able to get a line on the prospective cup winners this year.

From a business standpoint, plans have been made to make the day one of profit as well as pleasure for every Paw

Paw visitor on that day. The merchants will offer special bargains in every department and will pay 20 cents per dozen for eggs.

Every Paw Paw store is filled with the best and latest goods in their various lines. The wants of the people have been anticipated, and never before have such attractive lines been offered at the prices quoted.

Look over the advertising columns of The True Northerner this week. Scan the "ads" carefully, and profit by the suggestions. A quarter page "ad" on page seven of this issue will give the full details of the big day, which is in store, and the general advertising columns will give some idea of the splendid bargains that will be offered. Everything in the entertainment line will be free except the ball game.

Plan to take a whole day off. Come to Paw Paw and enjoy yourself. Bring the family, they want a little recreation, also take the advertising columns of The True Northerner as your guide and profit by the bargains offered at the stores. Come enjoy yourselves, make it a day of business profit, as well as recreation.

WHITNEY PAYNE WEDDED TUESDAY

Eldest Son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne Takes Battle Creek Bride.

The marriage of Miss Helen York of Battle Creek to Whitney Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne of Paw Paw, was solemnized at the Independent Congregational church in the bride's home city on Tuesday evening last. The Battle Creek Enquirer speaks of the wedding as "An Event of Unusual Brilliance." Over 400 guests were present at the wedding, while over 200 attended the reception at the beautiful York home after the ceremony.

The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable presents, testifying to the high esteem in which they are held by the host of friends. Guests were present from Chicago, New York city and various other cities. Those in attendance from Paw Paw were Mrs. Whitney, grandmother of the groom, Mrs. James Nelson, Carlos and Katherine Cole and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne are spending their honeymoon at the Payne home in Paw Paw, after which they will be at home in Chicago, where Mr. Payne has a lucrative position in the advertising department of The Curtis Publishing company. The Paw Paw friends join in congratulation to this happy couple who start out on life's journey together with such bright prospects.

JUDGE WILL NEVER APPEAR THE SAME

The friends of Judge Killefer have had to look twice during the past week to ascertain whether it was really the Judge or some one else. The loss of a mustache which he has worn for the past 45 years, has caused his friends to pause, look and wonder. The True Northerner has been unable to ascertain just what transpired at home, when the loss of the mustache was discovered by the family, but all is serene now. His friends may in time get over it, but the judge will never look the same.

WELCOMED BACK.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Marshall will be pleased to learn that they are soon to become permanent residents of Paw Paw. The Presbyterian parsonage has been made ready for their coming, and they will soon be at home there.

The Band will play Saturday.

PRaise FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF PAW PAW

Allegan Paper Speaks in Complimentary Terms of Recent Entertainment in That City.

Following is what the Allegan Gazette had to say of the Paw Paw students and the entertainment given in Allegan during their recent tour. Such excellent reports are very gratifying not only to the students themselves but to the parents and everyone who is interested in the young people of Paw Paw and the welfare of the schools.

"The Paw Paw high school band, composed of 30 members assisted by a reader, piano soloist, and a vocalist, gave a very pleasing concert in the auditorium last Friday evening, to a large audience. Besides being unusually accomplished for young people the company appeared in new and pretty uniforms; and what is more, they departed themselves in a quiet, orderly manner while in the city. They were entertained in private homes and their visit was enjoyed by the high school young people especially. Paw Paw people have just cause for pride in their young company."

INVENTION OF PAW PAW MAN

Big Boon to Grape Growers. Cut worms cannot get over it.

When the grape industry was new in Van Buren county and for several years thereafter the obtaining of a crop consisted of trimming the vines, tying them up on the wire, ordinary cultivation and then the harvest. It was not long, however, until pests began to appear. The rose bug and steel beetle were soon out seeking what they might devour, then the cut worm found that he did not need to confine his diet to garden truck and early corn. He soon found out that the young, tender sweet grape buds formed a very palatable addition to his menu.

The cut worm, particularly on light soil, is one of the most serious ravagers of grapes. In a very short time they will trim up a vineyard. These worms are very shy about their business, too. They prefer warm nights for their depredations and many a fruit grower will wonder why good thrifty vines bear no grapes. Many times a visit to the vineyard in the evening would reveal the secret. Numerous schemes and devices were tried to head off the cut worm. Wool, cotton batting, tar, printer's ink, tins, etc. have been used with varying degrees of success.

A prominent fruit grower suggested to Wm. C. Mosier, who is an experienced druggist, the idea of a sticky application to be placed direct on the vine. The suggestion to Mr. Mosier caused him to begin a series of experiments and as a result he produced a compound to which he has applied the title of "Stickum." This product is of the consistency of axle grease and is put on with a paddle. A strip an inch wide and an eighth of an inch thick will keep the worms down and out of the vines. The sticky qualities of Stickum are not affected by rain, freezing or ordinary heat.

Cut worms have an instinct as to where danger lies and they will take no chances on getting their feet stuck fast.

Mr. Mosier is manufacturing and putting on the market the product he originated and is meeting with good sales. Stickum is at once practical, is non-poisonous, inexpensive and one application lasts for a season.

RETURNS FROM WEST TO BE NEAR MOTHER

Jesse Hadsell, wife and little son were the guests of his brother, Levi Hadsell, and wife last Saturday. Mr. Hadsell formerly lived here, but for several years has held a position with the Northern Pacific R. R. at Attain, Washington. His mother, Mrs. Philip Nicholas of Lawrence, has been in poor health for the past year, and Mr. Hadsell states that he will not return to the west for the present. He is contemplating a position in Kalamazoo.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB.

The Fellowship club will meet next week Wednesday evening, at the home of Dr. W. C. Y. Ferguson. C. K. Cadman has promised to be present and give an address on the Panama Canal a work with which Mr. Cadman is thoroughly familiar.

Eggs 20 cents per dozen Saturday.

LIGHTING PLANT COMPLETE WRECK

Terrific Explosion Destroys Property in our Sister Village

ENTIRE VILLAGE IN DANGER

Big Blaze Threatened Nearby Buildings. Paw Paw Ready to go to Assistance, Not Needed.

The light and water plant in our sister village of Lawrence was completely demolished by a terrific explosion early in the evening last Friday night.

The town hall on the west and the Welch block on the east were damaged to some extent, although the loss to these buildings will not exceed \$50. There was no one in the building at the time of the explosion and no one seems to have any idea as to the immediate cause. The huge gas storage tank went up first and this explosion blew the roof to a considerable height and scattered the cement blocks, of which the side walls were made, all over the surrounding door yards. After the first explosion the smaller tanks containing gasoline went up at intervals of only a few minutes apart. The blaze shot up and endangered the surrounding buildings. It looked for a time as though that part of the town was doomed. The fire fighting apparatus was in the wrecked building and was not available.

The "S. O. S." call was sent out and answered by Paw Paw. A special train was made ready and the department prepared to go to the help of the sister village with the engine and hose carts. Before they could get loaded, however, ready for the start, word came that the fire was under control and help was not needed.

It took prompt and valiant service on the part of the citizens of Lawrence to head off the blaze. Pails were the only available apparatus and the terrific explosions made the task extremely hazardous. They stuck to the task, however, and averted what looked on the start to be a blaze that would sweep the west side of Main street.

The manager of the plant was not in the building at the time of the explosion and to this fortunate circumstance he undoubtedly owes his life. The building was quite close to the street and had there been anyone passing at the time there probably would have been loss of life. As it was no one was hurt.

The loss to the village is estimated at about \$15,000. It is probable that a new lighting plant will soon be erected and it is thought that it will be an electric plant. In the meantime the residents of Lawrence will have to resort to the old system of kerosene lamps.

INJURY BRINGS KILLEFER HOME

Premier Catcher of Philadelphia Nationals Breaks Bone of Hand.

"Bill" Killefer, who had the misfortune to have the bones of his right hand broken in a recent game, came home the first of the week for a lay-off. He will probably be out of the game for several weeks at the best.

"Bill" has played a great game thus far this year with the Philadelphia Nationals, and bids fair to be the sensation of the big league. In response to a recent inquiry from Buffalo as to whether it would be possible to get "Bill" to strengthen that team, Manager Magee of the Philadelphia stated in reply that Killefer could not be purchased for \$20,000. That is what they think of him in Philadelphia all of which is gratifying to his Paw Paw friends.

YOUNG MAN NOW A BENEDICT

Ferdinand L. Allen returned to his pleasant farm home Tuesday evening accompanied by his bride, who was Miss Helen L. Rowe of Greenville, Ill. This came as a surprise to Mr. Allen's friends, as they thought of him as a confirmed old bachelor.

Mr. Allen is a progressive young farmer who has resided here about three years and has made many friends, who will join in congratulations and best wishes for their prosperity and happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will be at home to their friends after a vigorous upheaval of this bachelor's abode.